

Shipping

LOCAL CHINESE ARE PREPARING TO FINANCE STEAMSHIP PROJECT

A big steamship project with its headquarters and initial scene of operation along the China and Japan coast, with a possible extension of a trans-Pacific service to the Hawaiian Islands and the Pacific coast of the United States is being quietly but none the less effectively moved among local Chinese.

For some weeks, several local capitalists have been conducting a still hunt for available funds, and at the same time sounding sentiment among their countrymen regarding the proposed to assist in financing a big steamship company.

Along the first part of July there passed through Honolulu enroute to the coast two prominent Chinese steamship men who upon departing from Hongkong, and Canton, were authorized to enter negotiations for the purchase of available steam tonnage, either along the Atlantic coast or in the European market.

It is stated on what appears to be good authority that the overtures have already been made to Japanese business and commercial interests both here and on the coast with a view of securing business from this source.

With the arrival of the Oceanic steamship Ventura from San Francisco this morning the statement was made that while the Chinese capitalists apparently failed to connect with a suitable bottom during their stay on the Pacific slope, they proceeded to the Atlantic seaboard where it was understood that one or several steamships were offered for their inspection and selection.

It is the intention that the vessel or vessels will fly the Chinese flag, and will for the most part be manned by Celestial officers, with a possible exception of the skipper and a purser.

The emissaries in search of tonnage are expected to pass through Honolulu bound for the Orient along the first part of September according to statements made here today.

ODDS AND ENDS

Children to the number of over seventy were conspicuous among the passengers in the Annapolis Thomas, traveling from Manila to San Francisco.

There are 3500 tons of coal on board the United States army transport Thomas, now at the port from the Philippines via Japan. Four hundred tons of fuel are being discharged here.

The steamer Mikahala, from Maui and Molokai, and the Kinau, from Garden Island ports, were the only inter-island arrivals reported for Sunday.

Lumber brought down from the Bonad, and intended for the O. R. & L. Co., is going out of the American schooner Prosper.

The American schooner Eric has been placed on the local marine railway for a cleaning and repainting. Thirty thousand cases of pineapples are expected to be shipped to the Coast in the Matson Navigation steamer Lurline, to depart for San Francisco at 6 o'clock tomorrow evening.

With the barge Bennington in tow, the Matson Navigation tug Intrepid arrived from Kaula yesterday. The Bennington brought 1000 tons of molasses.

Inter-Island Movements

The inter-island steamer Walele is being given a large and general cargo of plantation supplies today, preparatory to sailing for Paauhau, Honokaa and Kihikihia, at 5 o'clock this evening. This vessel will carry a later mainland mail to the several points along the coast of Hawaii.

Tuesday will see the departure of the Mikahala for Maui, Molokai and Lanai ports, this vessel leaving at 5 o'clock in the evening, taking passengers, mails and a general cargo.

The old reliable Kaula packet, the Kinau, is scheduled to sail at 5 o'clock in the evening with a fair list of cabin and deck passengers as well as freight for the regular ports of call.

The steamer Iwalandi has been set for sailing tomorrow, the vessel to call at Maui and Hawaii ports, taking general cargo.

Johnson's New Rig Pleases Skipper

The schooner Annie Johnson now engaged in the San Francisco-Hawaii trade is some fast ship according to the declarations coming from her skipper, Captain Murray, upon his arrival at San Francisco.

The Annie Johnson of the Matson fleet, which was converted from a three-masted bark into a four-masted schooner arrived at San Francisco from Mahukona, where its first trip under the new rig was made. Captain Murray reports that the change of rig as materially increased the Annie's sailing capacity. The schooner handled easily and where the wind suited had no difficulty in making 12 knots an hour, which is some speed for a windjammer. The schooner was 29 days coming from Mahukona, but this, says Captain Murray, is more of a reflection on the wind than on the

schooner. Eight days out from the Hawaiian port the Annie was within a few hundred miles of San Francisco and if the favorable wind had continued the run home would have been a record breaker. As it was the wind died and when it woke up again it blew in a half-hearted way and always from the wrong direction. The schooner brought 22,788 bags of sugar.

Transport Thomas a Nursery

It is a nursery that monopolizes the upper decks of the troopship Thomas now at Honolulu and being made ready to continue the voyage to San Francisco at six o'clock this evening.

Forty-five little people under the age of five years are included in the list of 680 souls on board the vessel enroute from the Philippines to the homeland. One hundred and eighty-five cabin passengers are for the most part military people.

In the troop quarters were 202 enlisted men of the Third Battalion Ninth Infantry, 115 casuals, 13 enlisted men sick in hospital, Army; 22 general prisoners; 14 enlisted men, U. S. Navy, 4 sick; 21 enlisted men, U. S. Marine Corps, 2 sick; 14 discharged soldiers; 15 civilians; 20 Filipino servants; 1 destitute American seaman; 11 indigent citizens.

Four hundred tons Japanese coal taken on at Nagasaki are being unloaded here. The Thomas arrived early yesterday morning and has thirty-five hundred tons fuel for the coast.

A babe was born to Mrs. F. A. Studer wife of a private the fourth day out from Nagasaki. The little one is reported as doing fine.

Wilhelmina Has One Hundred Passengers

One hundred passengers are to arrive at Honolulu tomorrow morning in the Matson Navigation liner Wilhelmina, according to a late wireless message received at the agency of Castle & Cooke this morning from Captain Peter Johnson.

The Wilhelmina is proceeding from San Francisco to the islands through smooth seas and favorable winds. Captain Johnson states in his message that 89 cabin and 21 steerage passengers are on board. The vessel has 3425 tons freight for Honolulu and 1800 tons for discharge at Hilo.

There are several automobiles consigned to local importers. Forty-eight sacks later mail are due to arrive by this steamer. The Wilhelmina is to berth at the new Matson wharf and should reach the dock not later than 8 o'clock.

Well Known Skipper Dies On The Coast

SEATTLE, July 29.—Captain O. E. Chapman, 59 years old, of Newcastle, Me., master of the full-rigged ship Dirigo, on which Jack London, the author, just completed a 148-day trip around the Horn from Baltimore, died at a hospital here last night of stomach trouble. Capt. Chapman was taken ill two months before his ship reached port and was removed to the hospital as soon as the Dirigo arrived here. Mrs. Chapman is on her way to Seattle from her home in Maine.

All Well with the Wilhelmina

The Matson Navigation liner Wilhelmina, from San Francisco, and now nearing port, should arrive at her berth at Matson wharf before 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. Captain Peter Johnson, who has resumed his command has wireless that the vessel is steaming through favorable winds and seas and that all is well on board. The Wilhelmina is bringing down a large list of passengers and a later mail. The vessel has seventeen hundred tons cargo for discharge at Hilo.

Oil-Tanker J. A. Chanslor In Port

Bringing nearly fifty thousand barrels fuel oil destined for the storage tanks of the Associated Oil Company, the American steamer J. A. Chanslor from San Francisco appeared off port this morning and by noon-hour the work of discharging was under way.

The vessel met with a fair passage down from the coast. The Chanslor is to remain at this port only a very short time, it being intended to give her prompt dispatch for the Coast.

Wilhelmina Report

The following wireless message has been received by the agents from the S. S. Wilhelmina, bound for Honolulu: S. S. Wilhelmina, at sea, Aug. 4, 8 p. m.—1238 miles off port; 89 cabin passengers; 21 steerage passengers; 3425 tons cargo for Honolulu; 1800 tons cargo for Hilo; 1 auto C. & C.; 48 bags mail; 14 express packages; Weather fine; sea smooth; all well.

Mikahala Freight List

The inter-island steamer Mikahala, from Maui and Lanai ports, arriving yesterday, brought a general cargo, including the following items: 300 cases honey, 18 head cattle, 52 pigs, 15 sheep, 41 bundles hides, 10 cases chickens, 5 cases eggs and 186 packages sundries. Fine weather was experienced during the entire trip.

WEATHER TODAY

Temperature—6 a. m., 73; 8 a. m., 80; 10 a. m., 81; 12 noon, 82. Minimum last night, 73.
Wind—6 a. m. velocity 4, direction Northeast; 8 a. m. velocity 5, direction East; 10 a. m. velocity 9, direction East; 12 noon, velocity 10, direction Northeast. Movement past 24 hours, 126 miles.
Barometer at 8 a. m., 29.95. Relative humidity, 8 a. m., 66. Dew-point at 8 a. m., 68. Absolute humidity, 8 a. m., 7.216. Total rainfall during the past 24 hours, .04.

VESSELS TO AND FROM THE ISLANDS

(Special Cable to Merchants' Exchange.)

Monday, Aug. 6

SEATTLE — Sailed, August 3, S. S. Hyades, for Honolulu.
SAN FRANCISCO — Arrived, August 4, S. S. Maverick, hence July 27.

ARRIVAGES

S. S. WILHELMINA — Will dock at Hackfeld wharf tomorrow (Tuesday) morning from San Francisco with 89 cabin and 21 steerage passengers, 48 sacks mail and 3425 tons cargo; for Hilo 1800 tons cargo.

S. S. VENTURA sails for Sydney at 5 p. m. today.

Twenty Thousand Pineapples for Lurline

Twenty thousand cases of preserved pineapples are to be carried to the coast in the Matson Navigation steamer Lurline according to the announcement from the office of Castle & Cooke. The Lurline has been loaded with sugar to the amount of 2600 tons. The molasses tanks will be supplied with one thousand tons of the fluid. A shipment of bananas to the number of 4500 bunches are booked for transit to the coast.

The Lurline will depart at six o'clock tomorrow evening from the new Matson wharf, taking a full list of cabin passengers. A later mail will be given the vessel.

Politician Carries Many Pines

The Harrison Direct Line freighter Politician to sail for San Pedro and the west coast of the United States on Wednesday will carry 25,000 cases of pineapples from this port. The vessel is being discharged of a large amount of freight while lying at Hackfeld wharf. The Politician is to call at San Francisco, Vancouver and Victoria.

Bark Welch to Sail Wednesday

The bark Andrew Welch, with 1100 tons sugar, is to be dispatched for San Francisco at ten o'clock Wednesday morning according to the present calculations of C. Brewer & Company, the agents for that vessel. One passenger has thus far been booked for the coast. A quantity of empty drums will be taken as part cargo.

Kaula Sugar Report

Sugar on Kaula and awaiting shipment includes the following according to a report received here yesterday with the arrival of the inter-island steamer Kinau: K. & M. 10,300 MaK., 27,998 K. P., 9580, G. & R. 2800, McB., 28,380, L. P. 13,384, G. F. 1246.

ODDS AND ENDS AT THE PORT

The Transport Thomas sailing for San Francisco this evening is taking a mail destined for the mainland.

The Matson Navigation steamer Wilhelmina to arrive from the coast tomorrow morning is to bring down the next mail from the mainland.

Taking general cargo and plantation supplies the inter-island steamer Walele is on the berth to sail this afternoon calling at Paauhau, Honokaa and Kihikihia.

The inter-island steamer Iwalandi has been placed on the berth to sail at noon tomorrow for Kipahulu, Mahukona and Kawaihae, taking general cargo only.

TRANSPORT SERVICE

Logan, sailed from Honolulu for Manila, Arrived Aug. 2.
Sheridan, from Honolulu for San Francisco, arrived July 11.
Crook, at San Francisco.
Buford, stationed on Pacific Coast.
Warren, stationed at the Philippines.

Thomas, sailed from Manila for Honolulu and San Francisco, at Honolulu, Aug. 4.
Supply, sailed from Honolulu for Seattle, June 15.

ARRIVED

Sunday, August 4.
Kauai ports—Kinau, strmr., a. m.
Maui, Molokai and Lanai ports—Mikahala, strmr., a. m.
Kahului—Lurline, M. N. S. S., a. m.
Manila via Nagasaki—Thomas, U. S. A. T. a. m.
Yokohama—California and South Dakota, U. S. S. S. p. m.
Monday, August 5.
San Francisco—Ventura, O. S. S., a. m.

DEPARTED

Sunday, August 4.
Kauai ports—Nihau, strmr., p. m.

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PASSENGERS ARRIVED

Per O. S. S. Ventura from San Francisco for Honolulu: L. R. Allen, J. H. Barnes, A. G. Beaman, Mrs. A. M. Beaman, Miss Clara Cook, F. J. Cooper, P. L. Dowsett, Mrs. M. C. Duncan, Mrs. J. C. Evans, W. B. Foster, Father J. W. Galvin, F. W. Graham, E. H. Lewis, Mrs. Lewis, C. F. Little, Miss Little, A. Moody, D. G. May, Miss Lillian H. Moody, Mrs. E. Muirhead, Richard Muirhead, F. G. Noyes, Geo. Ordway, Mrs. Ordway, Miss E. B. Phillips, Edward Schott, Miss Scott, Mrs. T. B. Smith, Miss Marion Smith, Mrs. M. H. Sterling, Mrs. J. H. Styles, C. B. Bernard, Mrs. Bernard, Charles M. Brooke, T. J. Davies, Mrs. Davies and child, Mrs. Anna Goldsmith, A. E. Hall, Mrs. Hall, David Hall, Geraldine Hall, Helen Hall, F. Jacka, Mrs. Jacka and child, W. Kaifer, Mrs. Jno. Kontos and infant, S. Merlin, R. Rhodes, A. Stirling, M. A. Tompkins, J. C. Bruce, Through: Mrs. Sam Church, J. A. Davis, Mrs. S. B. Dunn, E. A. Moody, F. C. Peters, Mrs. Peters, Lieut. Nathan Post, U. S. N.; Mrs. Post and child.

Per str. Kinau, from Kaula, August 4.—C. A. Basch, Mrs. Takashi, Mr. Takashi, Mr. Pava, W. E. Hun, P. M. Brunn, Mrs. P. M. Brunn, Mr. Asano, K. Miki, Mr. Kanazaki, Miss Augusta, Miss M. Raymond, Miss Hayashi, Miss E. Kabele, J. C. Souza, Mrs. Goo Kim, Chang Yau, Tan Wo, Albert K. Y. Ng, Mrs. M. Dobson, G. Dobson, Miss Mary Dobson, Rev. T. Kotani, Rev. Miyazaki, Ah See, Miss Torbal, He Fat, Miss Ako, Chang Wan, M. S. Valente, M. Ianna, Mrs. Ianna, Miss Jordan, Alice Harper, Canafp Sturges, Mrs. Sturges, A. Haneberg, I. Rosenberg, H. Rosenberg, Miss Gardner, G. E. Stephenson, P. M. Hollister, Miss M. Silva, Mr. Jordan, G. B. Torrey, Mrs. Lucy Nuluva, Mrs. G. B. Nooran, Vernon Tenney, Mrs. H. E. Proctor, Miss H. W. Boyden, Miss A. Aho, M. B. Harris, Mrs. P. Kiam, Francis Gay, Mrs. Gay, E. Gay, Miss Law, Mrs. Spaulding, Otto Behr, Mrs. Bodrero, G. McIntosh, Miss, Hila.

Per str. Mikahala, from Maui and Molokai ports, August 4.—Miss M. A. Kahala, Miss J. Lewis, Mr. T. T. Meyer, Mark T. Meyer, Miss L. Kala, Fred Larsen, Chas. Kabele, A. M. Maunau, Alex. Hussu, Mrs. H. J. Auld, Sister Ignacia, J. R. Keki, Mr. Keki, Master Keki, Mrs. A. Ehsen, Miss Torry, Miss Kanhimahu, Jacob Bright, J. R. Davis, Mrs. B. P. Zabl, Miss J. Zabl, Miss D. Zabl, Miss Duvachelle, Miss Chong How, W. Hutchinson.

PASSENGERS DEPARTED

Per str. Mauna Kea, for Hilo via way ports, August 3.—Mrs. W. R. Lazendy, Miss Lazendy, G. H. Rockwell, Miss Jessie Shaw, Miss Pollock, Miss Powers, Mrs. R. D. Walbridge, Dr. A. V. Clark, William Cullen, W. S. Schindler, L. S. Rame, Mrs. C. E. C. Norris, Miss Mary Wilson, G. E. Winsans, J. P. McKenney, W. N. Bellingher, S. C. Car, Mr. and Mrs. Kalemakali.

Per O. S. S. Ventura, for Pago Pago and Sydney, August 5: W. R. Carroll, Rear Admiral A. Ross, Miss Ross.

PASSENGERS BOOKED

Per str. Kinau, for Kaula ports, August 6.—P. Bell, R. S. Hosmer, Hosmer, Mrs. F. Andrecht, A. H. Hanna, M. Hayashi, P. Bull, Mrs. F. C. Palmer, J. C. Bartells, John Chop, Ching Shai, L. Aaron, W. B. Bolster, Miss E. Hirth, Miss Gerd Hirth.

Per str. Mauna Kea, for Hilo, via way ports, Aug. 7.—C. A. Woods, E. Langer, C. A. Cottrill, wife and son, E. C. Schenkel, F. G. Jones, J. E. Hughes, F. W. Gesell, Miss C. Case, Miss C. Gesell, J. Doyle and wife, Miss H. Smith, Mrs. H. G. Barclay, A. Ross and party, B. F. Tickler, Mrs. Jno. A. Bortfeld, Miss Bortfeld, W. Morgan, Miss Houghtaling, Mrs. M. F. Spinola, Mrs. R. A. Wadsworth, Master Spinola, C. McClellan, A. E. W. Todd, James Nott, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Harris.

Per str. Claudine, for Hilo, via way ports, Aug. 9.—P. G. H. Deverill, John Catton, Miss Agnes Misener, Mrs. Albert Parson and infant, N. V. Kaab, Miss S. Hannestad, Miss G. Armstrong, Miss B. Robson, Miss H. M. Alexander, Miss H. G. Forbes, H. S. Decker, Miss H. Smith, Miss D. Smith, Miss E. Soper, Olmick, Miss Hannah Sheldon, Miss Daisy Sheldon, Mrs. John E. Schmidt, Mrs. H. Johnson, Mrs. Helen Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John Andrade, W. P. Haia, J. A. Kilaeros.

Per str. Kinau, for Kona and Kaula ports, August 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kapela, Miss A. Ackerman, Mrs. Alice Haywood, Mrs. C. M. Cooke, Jr. and two children, Mrs. W. W. Goodale and servant, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Hanohano, Mrs. Moran, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Toomey, Miss Ina Ferguson, Wallace Cooper, Judge Cooper, Mrs. Clair, Miss Pope and party, Mrs. W. A. Dickson and child, Mrs. K. M. Kail, Mrs. O. M. Kekuwa, Miss Lucy Mansfield, Master Geo. Mansfield, Miss Bella, Miss Hanohano.

PACIFIC CLUB SMOKER UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS

Miv good fellowship, good fun, and good talent, and you have the ingredients which went to make the smoker given by the Pacific Club last Saturday night one of the most enjoyable entertainments of the kind ever given in Honolulu. The whole program was seasoned to taste with the sauce of wit, and the club members who connected the "feast of reason and flow of soul," deserve a special medal.

The feature of the evening was an interesting talk by Professor Kent, of the University of Virginia, on the presidential situation. Professor Kent is a Woodrow Wilson Democrat, but his talk was of such general interest that the partisanship element was lost sight of in listening to the broader views of one who comes here with a thorough understanding of present political positions.

CHINESE TO BE HEARD ON CHARGE OF MURDER

Chung Wong Chee and Chun Kim Sut, the Chinese couple who were arrested last week and charged with murdering their infant daughter, will receive their preliminary examination before Judge Morarrat on Thursday morning.

Charles Chillingworth, attorney for the defense, declares that there is not enough evidence to warrant their being held over to the Circuit Court, while Attorneys Milverton and Brown for the prosecution are confident that both defendants will be held over for trial as a result of Thursday's hearing in the Police Court.

The first account of Lorrin Andrews as executor of the estate of Samuel Andrews, was filed today in circuit court, showing receipt and disbursement of \$1932.87. Judge Whitney has set September 13 as the date for approving the accounts.

VENTURA OUT FOR RECORD

The Oceanic liner Ventura, now at Honolulu taking on additional supplies of fuel oil, is destined to clip at least twenty-four hours off the time designated in the existing schedules between Honolulu and Sydney, N. S. W., if Captain J. L. Cowell and Chief Engineer Sam Church carry out their present intentions.

The Ventura is to sail for the Colonies at five this evening, should all go well with the discharge of seven hundred tons general cargo brought down from the Coast. Under ordinary conditions and in the living up to the mail contract, the vessel is due to arrive at Sydney on the morning of August 19th. The Ventura is said to have easily clocked off three hundred and ninety miles a day during a portion of the voyage from San Francisco and Honolulu.

That the liner can land her passengers and mails at the Australian port within thirteen days from the time of departing from Hawaii is the prediction freely made on board the vessel this morning.

It is the present intention to endeavor to bring the Ventura within the protected harbor of Sydney on August 18th.

Thirty-one cabin and eight steerage passengers arrived from San Francisco in the Ventura, which was off the port at five o'clock this morning.

The through list numbers over forty passengers in the several classes.

Purser "Bill" Reid states that the old Pacific was just like a millpond on the way down from San Francisco. Much fun and merriment reigned on deck and saloon as the merry bunch of passengers began to get better acquainted.

The Oceanic company has installed an electric piano, and "preserved" melody is now daily incorporated on the menu by Chief Steward Conquest. Seventeen hundred tons freight are stowed beneath the hatches for Sydney, including shipments of vegetables, barley, lumber, building material and automobiles.

Mail for Honolulu amounted to 403 sacks, while the through mail for Sydney includes 735 sacks.

OAHU LONE STOCK SOLD

Oahu stock monopolizes the Stock Exchange sheet today, with sales of 65 shares in four unequal lots unchanged at 28.

Dividends are announced today as follows: Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Co., 50c, or \$100,000; Onomea Sugar Co., 50c, or \$30,000; Honoumuli Sugar Co., \$1.50, or \$11,250.

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the necessary appliances for keeping a registration of fingerprints of all offenders placed under arrest by local officers.

Chief McDuffie believes that when the merits of the system are fully realized by the city and county supervisors a small appropriation will be made to carry out his plan for the proper identification of criminals.

The big chief of the detective department has apparently fared well on his trip to the mainland.

"I gained twelve pounds while away, and while I kept busy all the time, and got a line on a number of new wrinkles in police and detective management, I feel fine and fit after the respite from duty with the Honolulu department."

Plans Changes. McDuffie states that he is prepared to introduce into his department several new methods which will tend to centralize the business done by his staff and work towards a higher degree of efficiency.

Chief McDuffie spent some time at San Diego, where, following a visit of the United States cruiser Maryland, he haunted the several pawnshops with a view to locating a quantity of stolen jewelry, missed at Honolulu during the stay of the war vessel at this port. He returns here as a strong advocate for the passage of a law making it a misdemeanor for anyone to have stolen property in his possession, and at the same time hopes for such legislation as will require a registry of all such purchases by dealers in second-hand articles.

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ORIENTALS FINDING WAY

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Pratt says that so many contracts have been let that no more cement-workers are available and much of the work will have to be delayed for a month or so.

Secret of Activity. The secret of the activity among the Japanese and Chinese is that their restaurant licenses expired on July 1, and the Board of Health is refusing to indorse a renewal until sanitary precautions have been complied with. The city and county issues the licenses only upon approval of the Board of Health.

The law went into effect a year ago last May, having been passed by the last Legislature. The inspection this morning shows that most of the Orientals are doing the improvement work only under pressure from the health authorities, and that the conditions of dirt and garbage increase are almost impossible to overcome under the present system.

Repeatedly the committee found that orders given by the Board of Health have been ignored. These orders have to be given again and again.

In the dens and alleys and cave-like kitchens back of the Chinese restaurants on Maunakea, Beretania, River and Hotel streets the worst conditions were found. The premises of the Japanese were much more cleanly than those of the Chinese.

Danger of Fire. Mr. von Damm, who is a member of the board of fire underwriters, saw conditions so dangerous that even the lay members of the touring party could understand why most of the insurance companies refuse to write any large risks at all in this section.

Many kitchens have open fires blazing within a few inches of their walls dry as tinder and waste paper, firewood and rags dry as dust are hung in heaps everywhere.

Members of the central improvement committee expressed themselves after the trip as satisfied that much improvement has been made by Dr. Pratt and the board, and that there is much more to be done. Some stated that the inspection system does not seem to be thorough enough, and evidently the Orientals feel that they can take their time about cleaning up.

Dr. Pratt explained the difficulties the board has met with and showed the party that progress is being made faster and faster as the owners or lessees of the properties understand that they can not keep their restaurant or rooming-house license unless they effect improvements.

BEET SUGAR COMPANY REASSURED ON TARIFF

Raymond S. Harris in S. F. Call: Development of the 12,000 acres of land owned by the Alameda Sugar company at Meridian, Sutter county, which was halted by the directors when the free sugar bill passed the house, was ordered resumed at a meeting of the board of directors Friday and 3,000 acres will be put into beet. In the 1913 season the beets will be freighted to the company's factory at Alvarado, Alameda county, and there converted into sugar. Later this year the erection of a factory at Meridian will be started and the new factory will be put into operation for the 1914 season, at which time practically all the 12,000 acres at Meridian will be in beets. Then the present factory at Alvarado will be dismantled. A bond issue of \$1,500,000 to finance the building of the factory will be authorized very shortly.

The menace of the free sugar bill fathered by the democratic house of representatives caused the development of the company's property at Meridian to be halted after the land had been purchased from earnings and an additional stock issue. When the bill died in the senate it was decided to await the outcome of the presidential nominations and the publication of the party platforms before deciding whether or not to resume activity. It is understood that the directors now feel that neither of the great parties will father a free sugar bill.

By the 1914 season the company will be harvesting from 150,000 to 180,000 tons of beets and producing in excess of 50,000 tons of sugar. The present output is 10,000 tons. Now the beets used in making sugar at the Alvarado factory are grown in Yolo county, around Woodland, nearly all being farmed by the company itself. This acreage will be grown each year as usual after the erection of the new factory at Meridian, and the beets freighted to the factory either over the Southern Pacific via Knights landing and the Marysville-Colusa branch of the Northern Electric, or over the Sacramento and Woodland, the main line of the Northern Electric and the Marysville-Colusa branch. This branch taps the company's 12,000 acres. At present the branch has been pushed out from Marysville as far as Butte slough, but within 10 days it will be to Meridian and the shipping in of agricultural implements, etc. to the beet fields will begin.

Officials of the company believe that the saving in freight rates, when the factory has been established in the midst of the great beet field on the Sacramento, will decrease the operating expenses by an appreciable amount each year.

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